

As a former journalist and managing editor, I am appalled at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air "Stolen Honor" just days before the election. "Stolen Honor" appears to be propaganda, not news, and furthermore appears to be an in-kind contribution to the Bush-Cheney re-election effort.

I don't understand the FCC -- well, maybe I do. Fox News already functions as the rabid press arm of the Republican Party, with the FCC's blessing. You appear to be more upset with Janet Jackson's nipple than with Fox's outright manipulation and abuse of the public's airwaves, MY airwaves. So why would Sinclair think that what they're doing is beyond the pale. The FCC has over the past few years winked and nodded and helped move that pale -- and has abdicated its responsibility to act as the guardian of that public trust.

I think Sinclair's action is reprehensible, but I hold the FCC more responsible. When is your agency, when are YOU, going to stop being lapdogs to already-wealthy corporations and individuals and start acting in the best interests of the American people?